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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

December 20, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the final rejection mailed October 19, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

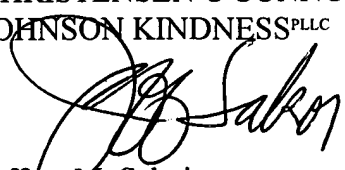
Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

Respectfully submitted,

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